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First Named Inventor: MASATO MITSUHASHI

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (X) Specification in 55 pages.
- (X) Drawings in 22 sheets.
- () Declaration by Inventors in pages.

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- (X) Reference to prior domestic applications is made in the specification.
- Reference to prior domestic applications is made in the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.
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CONTINUITY INFORMATION:

Application	Relationship	Parent App. No.	Filing Date	Status
This Application	Continuation-in-part of	10/698,967	10/30/03 -	Pending

FOREIGN CONTINUITY INFORMATION:

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OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:

- () Recordation form cover sheet and Assignment in total pages (cover sheet & assignment).
- () Certified copy of priority application (Application No.: *, Country: USA).
- () Power of attorney form and copy of assignment in pages.
- () Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 in total pages (IDS and 1449).
 - () references
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FEE CALCULATION						
FEE TYPE	•	FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL		
Basic Utility		1001 (\$770)		\$770		
Non-English Spec.		1053 (\$130)		\$*		
Recordation Fee		8021 (\$40)	* x 40 =	\$*		
Excess Claims > 20	213- 20 =193	1202 (\$18)	193 x 18 =	\$3,474		
Independent > 3	12- 3 =9	1201 (\$86)	9 x .86 =	\$774		
Multiple Claim		1203 (\$290)		\$*		
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